The Flower Shop

Phone 149 APPOMATTOX, VA.

To you and yours this Yuletide season, we extend our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you this joyous holiday season.

QUALITY GROCERY

J. W. Martin

Phone 5503 Appomattox, Va.

While angels
hovered overhead,
the Star of Bethlehem guided the Three Wise Men to the Manger at Bethlehem. We cannot offer you their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift must be restricted to the old, but heartfelt wish for all the joys and blessings of the Yuletide season.

Appomattox Hardware Co., Inc.
Exclusive Hardware & Implement Dealers
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Story of the Tree

We are told that the fir tree goes back to Eve, but it was not until the time of Martin Luther that the evergreen was used as an indoor decoration in celebration of Christmas.

It is said that Luther one Christmas Eve wandered through the woods and became enamoured with the wonder of the night.

He cut a small snow-laden fir tree, and set it up in his home for his children. He illuminated it with candles to represent the stars.

It was not until 1604 that, in Strassburg, the first Christmas tree appeared in literature.

'The Messiah' Ranks As Yuletide Favorite

Best known of all oratorios is Handel's "The Messiah," a favorite presentation of the Christmas season. In almost every community in the civilized world a choir will sing part or all of the oratorio during the Yuletide. People in places too remote to boast a sufficiently skilled choir or soloists will hear "The Messiah's" message by radio.

The famous oratorio was written by George Frederick Handel in London between August 22 and September 14, 1741. The first presentation

was in Fishamble Street Music hall, Dublin, on April 13, 1742, under direction of the composer.

Ladies were requested to "refrain from wearing hoops" and gentlemen to "leave their swords at home," in order that a capacity audience might swell the proceeds to relieve needy children and the inmates of debtors' prisons.

"The Messiah" was given its English premiere before the court at Covent Garden in March, 1743. George II was so overpowered by the grandeur of the music portraying the King of Kings that he sprang to his feet in reverent acclaim at the opening bars of the Hallelujah chorus, an action which led to the modern custom.

Congressman Patrick H. Drewry dies soddenly.

Play safe. Drive carefully.

Paris children wildly acclaim the arrival of Friendship Train food.

• WE ARE THE WORLD'S MOST INVENTIVE RACE—AND YET WE HAVEN'T FOUND A NEW WAY OF SAYING "MERRY CHRISTMAS." MAYBE IT'S JUST AS WELL!

• IN ANY EVENT, WE CAN PHRASE NO BETTER MESSAGE FOR THIS JOYOUS SEASON THAN THAT ANCIENT WISH.

Appomattox Restaurant
Mrs. J. W. Waller, Prop.

Bethany

Bethany, Dec. 22.- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulette left last week-end for Georgia to spend Christmas with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Paulette and children, of Halifax spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey, of Richmond visited Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Harvey over the week-end.

Mrs. David Paulette and daughter visited her mother, Mrs. A. L. Morris, of Madisonville on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Paulette spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and Miss Thalia Harvey, of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey over the week-end.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Dorothy Ann; Mrs. Katie Allen, of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Moore, of Madisonville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey, of Richmond, and Mrs. Martha and Roberta Harvey.

Miss Hazel Paulette was the supper guest of Miss Dorothy Frank of Spout Spring Wednesday night.

Friendship cargo arrives in Italy.

I desire to thank my friends and customers for the good business they have given me this year and to wish them all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

LESTER B. HARVEY

Appomattox, Va. Phone 8109

• Now, when Santa Claus is so busy making children happy and dispensing cheer all over the world, we want to extend a warm and friendly greeting to our friends. Accept our very best wishes for a Christmas season of unalloyed joy and happiness.

RYLAND-HENEBRY

Registered Jeweler American Gem Society

809 MAIN STREET-LYNCHBURG, VA.

Santa is at the throttle and good fellowship has the right of way. Full speed ahead for the

Merriest Christmas
of them all!

Times have changed since we started business in this community many years ago, and we have seen a great many changes. But one thing always remains the same. We continue to serve in the best possible manner the very best people it is possible to serve. We could ask for no finer list of customers, no better group of friends.

And to all of you our entire organization wishes loads of good cheer and a genuine old-fashioned merry Christmas!

Brown-MORRISON COMPANY

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Lynchburg, Va.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME

more than at any other season, people feel friendly. It's in the very air. In this spirit, then, we offer you our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

Appomattox Frozen Food Locker

Lockers — Fresh Meats — Frozen Foods — Cold Storage

"WE FREEZE TO PLEASE"

Abbreviation, Xmas Of Greek Origin

There has been much unfavorable comment on the abbreviated form for Christmas that is commonly used. Many think it inappropriate and undignified to use the shortened form, Xmas.

The explanation of its origin is that the initial letter of the Greek name for Christ is X and the coincidence of its cruciform shape led to an early adoption of this letter as the figure and symbol of Christ. X is frequently found on walls of the catacombs. When the early Christians wished to make a representation of the Trinity, they would place either a cross or an X beside the names of the Father and the Holy Ghost. From this came the shortened form Xmas, instead of Christmas.

Only Five British Ships Fully Manned in Shake-Up

LONDON.—An Admiralty spokesman said that a cruiser and four destroyers would be the only fully manned warships of Britain's home fleet while crews are being readjusted to fit manpower reductions in the navy.

Other home fleet ships will retain only skeleton crews. It is estimated that about 45,000 men will leave the naval service between now and next March. The spokesman declined to give details on the home fleet, but the British Press association said it normally numbered more than 100 ships, with a personnel of about 20,000.

"Many ships will be temporarily immobilized for a time," the spokesman said, "but in an emergency they could get into action quickly."

Trio indicted in Halifax for rape and robbery.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May the spirit of the First Christmas gladden your hearts this Christmas season

MAUD'S HOT SHOP

Route 460 2 miles east of Appomattox

★ No matter what the language the spirit of Christmas is the same everywhere . . . in France, in Holland, in Sweden . . . and in the good old U. S. A. As you celebrate this joyous season in spiritual companionship with people of good will all over the world, it is our hope that this Christmas of 1947 will be the merriest you have ever enjoyed.

Mrs. C. W. SMITH

Appomattox, Va.

INSURANCE AGENCY

Ornament Making A Cottage Industry

Those colored glass ornaments that we hang on our Christmas trees used to come from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland. A small number were made in Japan. When the war cut off these supplies, American glass manufacturers, who had never bothered with these products before, turned part of their facilities over to making the pretty gewgaws. Mechanical methods were soon developed that could blow as many ornaments in an hour as a European glassblower could make in a month. Thus modern efficiency may doom this picturesque little industry, carried on in the mountainous towns of eastern Europe.

Ornament making is a typical "cottage industry" in the little villages that cling to the steep mountainsides. Families specialize in certain shapes and designs, patterns that may date back for hundreds of years unchanged. The father, using a bunsen burner, carefully blows the thin glass tubing to the desired shape, with the aid of an iron mold. His son, acting as mold boy, removes the hot ornament to a cooling table. Next the mother silvers the inside, and finally the daughter applies paint and perhaps decorative designs.

Christmas Rose Has Real Significance

Legend tells us that a young shepherd girl was weeping bitterly as she watched the Wise Men on their way to take gifts to the Christ Child.

An angel appeared, and after ascertaining why the young girl was crying, she waved her wand, and instantly the ground was carpeted with glittering white Christmas roses. The young girl quickly gathered these blooms. When she presented her gift, the Christ Child smiled, and as his fingers touched the white flowers the petals became tinged with pink.

This custom originated with the Dutch. They used their wooden shoes instead of stockings.

When the Dutch come to New Amsterdam, this custom came with them—the wooden shoes being gradually replaced by stockings made for the occasion out of net-like materials. As nearly every home had a fireplace the usual place to hang the stockings was over the fireplace.

Season's Greetings

Christmas is not a day . . . it is a feeling. And it is in the spirit of this feeling that we wish to all our friends a joyous Yuletide. May every Christmas to come bring increasing happiness to you.

NATURAL BEAUTY SALON

Mrs. Floyd Mitchell and Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge

Appomattox, Virginia

Treating Trees To Preserve Needles

Dropping needles or leaves of Christmas trees, which strip the trees of color and litter the floor, long have been a Yuletide bane. Therefore, the discovery of the New York State College of Forestry that waterglass spray will prevent the spruce leaves from falling comes as welcome news to family and housewife alike.

Besides preserving the foliage, the waterglass spray adds to the decorative effect of the spruce by leaving a slight silver sheen to the green of the needle-like leaves. The waterglass also has been found to be a good fire retardant.

The college found that the shedding of spruce leaves also can be retarded by placing the base of the tree in a bucket of moist earth, peat moss or water. Users have reported the success of this treatment.

Our Most Famous Christmas Trees

Most famous of the nation's Christmas trees are growing on the wooded rolling acres of the Roosevelt estate at Hyde Park, N. Y. Developed as a result of hobby which occupied much of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's spare time, the groves of Yule trees now are scattered on odd patches and parcels of land throughout the estate.

The trees, about 270,000 in number, are principally of Norway spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir, with a few balsams also included.

Although the tree growing was a hobby with the late president, he insisted that the project pay its own way. Consequently about 2,000 to 3,000 trees are marketed every Christmas season.

In This Joyous Season of Christmas

we want to renew all our old friendships, want each of you to feel your importance to us, and to realize that without you the story would have been quite different.

A very Merry Christmas to all of you, friendly people of this community!

Amma Lee's Beauty Shop

Mrs Carlton, Godsey, Proprietor

Christmas! No vaunting phrases can truly carry the meaning of that word, no marching adjectives picture its fulfillment. Its being and expression must ever lie in the simple words of the prophets, in the unpretentious but meaningful phrases of the Man of Galilee:

"ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

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David T. Robertson, mgr. Appomattox, Va.

WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY, WE SHOULD ALL BE HAPPIER THAN EVER THIS YEAR. DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, LET'S TRY TO FORGET OUR CARES. FOR OUR PART, WE WANT TO ADD OUR FELICITATIONS TO THE MANY OTHERS YOU ARE RECEIVING, BY WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS—THE

Happiest Christmas Ever!

LAWSON'S ESSO

Jack Lawson, Proprietor

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